Over 4,000 test positive for dengue in five days

Total of 9,638 cases reported in Sindh this year

By Faiza Ilyas

KARACHI: Over 4,000 cases of dengue fever have been reported this month, with a death in Hyderabad in the last 24 hours, raising the tally to 21 in more than a month, the health department reported on Wednesday.

According to the department's data, more than half of this month's total cases have been reported in Hyderabad (2118), followed by Karachi (1,857). A total of 9,638 cases have been reported this year.

Sources said the situation was far more serious than what is presented by official data and that the official figures didn't represent the ground reality.

They pointed out that there was no official mechanism in place to get feedback from private clinics operating in every nook and corner of a locality, as well as private hospitals. Many people constrained by their financial resources didn't even opt for laboratory tests.

Given the alarming situation, health experts have called upon the government to intensify public awareness and vector control measures.

Complications in cases, they say, occur due to self-medication and inadequate hydration. Some medications, including painkillers and antibiotics, can cause a low platelet count, which may lead to excessive bleeding.

Dengue, a mosquito-borne viral infection transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito, remains a recurring health concern in Sindh.

Experts have attributed the surge in the cases to a lack of fumigation and the delayed drainage of water accumulated after the heavy monsoon rains.

Most people with dengue have mild or no symptoms and recover within one to two weeks. Symptoms may include high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting and rash.

'Workers to resist bid to privatise Wapda'

Dawn Report

LARKANA: The All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Labour Union on Wednesday staged rallies in parts of Sindh in protest against the proposed privatisation of power distribution companies, and water and power authority.

In Larkana, Sepco workers under the union flag took out a procession from the office of the superintendent engineer in the lead of union's Regional Chairman Nisar Shaikh. After passing through various roads, the march culminated at Jinnah Bagh Chowk where the participants staged a sit-in.

It was a nationwide call which the union's regional office responded.

They said inflation, unemployment and the sale of profitable national resources and institutions continued to accelerate, but instead of realising the gravity of the situation, the government was busy in blindly implementing anti-worker policies.

In Badin, the union staged a large protest rally on Wednesday against the proposed privatisation of the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda).

The participants marched from the Hesco Divisional Office and proceeded towards Allah Wala Chowk in the lead of union's Divisional Chairman Ghousa Khan Pathan, along with other senior leaders, including Muhammad Ameen Nizamani, Ghulam Mustafa Kumbhar, Nazir Ahmed Mallah, Nihal Khan Khoso, and others.

Court summons chief secy along with record of drugs, medical equipment

By Mohammad Hussain Khan & Waseem Shamsi

HYDERABAD: Counsel for a petitioner informed a division bench of the Sindh High Court Sukkur that the incumbent Sindh health secretary was holding the post of BS-21 in violation of Supreme Court's directive for being a BS-20 officer.

Comprising Justice Zulfiqar Ali Sangi and Justice Riazat Ali Sahar, the bench directed the Sindh Chief Secretary (CS) to appear in person before the bench on Friday at 10 am along with details of the record of past five years of the Central Rate Contract System (CRCS).

The bench passed these orders while taking up three identical petitions on various matters of the provincial health department.

Regarding Petition No. 965/2024, Additional Advocate General (AAG) Ali Raza Baloch filed statements/compliance reports on behalf of health and finance secretaries which were taken on record and copies whereof were provided to the petitioner.

Petitioner Gulzar Almani advocate, who was appearing, also placed on record certain documents along with his statement which were taken on record and its copy was provided to the other side.

In Petition No.D-1819 of 2025, petitioner's counsel Ghulam Shabbir Shar filed statement along with certain documents.

The court supplied its copy to the AAG, who sought time for filing comments on behalf of the respondents as well as compliance report on behalf of the chief secretary, Sindh.

The AAG also filed a compliance report in Petition No. D-2016/2024 of Ms Bakhtiar Khatoon who had approached the court regarding her differently-abled children's healthcare problems.

He filed such report on behalf of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD) secretary and its regional director Sukkur, provincial health secretary and Sukkur deputy commissioner along with certain documents. They were taken on record and copies provided to the counsel for the petitioner.

The bench observed that "vide order dated Oct 23, passed in petition No.D-1819 of 2025, we had directed Chief Secretary, Sindh to furnish a report in respect of prayer clauses made in the said petition.

However, today neither Chief Secretary, Sindh nor his Focal Person is in attendance to respond to the queries of this Court, nor compliance report has been furnished."

It noted in its order that prayer clause "C" of said the petition reflects that current secretary of the health department is an officer of BS-20 posted vide notification dated March 19. However, today, a notification No. SOI(SGA&CD)/01/8/93/(S-1)P.F dated 10.11.2022, issued by the Services, General Administration & Coordination Department, has been placed on record by petitioner counsel Shabbir Shar, whereby cadre strength/list of posts in each grade i.e., BS-21, 20, 19, 18 & 17 has been notified/classified.

In the said notification, it is clearly mentioned that the post of secretary health shall be of BS-21. Hence, there appears to be a clear violation of the judgment of the Supreme Court.

The court inquired from Ibrahim Memon, additional secretary/incharge of the Procurement, Monitoring & Inspection (PM & I) Cell, Sindh government, regarding procurement of medicines and medical equipment under the CRCS by way of Quality Control-Based System (QCBS) for the last year as well as current year, and also regarding the cost of tenders of medicines and medical equipment.

But he failed in responding the queries raised by the court by showing inability and incapacity. It demonstrated, the court observed, his disinterest, inefficiency, and ignorance in discharging his official responsibilities, despite holding such a sensitive and responsible assignment. "This court expresses its displeasure over the conduct and attitude of the said officer," read the order.

The bench directed the CS to be in attendance before the court on the next date of hearing along with compliance reports in terms of earlier court orders.

He was also directed to submit the cost details of the CRCS for the last five years in respect of the procurement of medicines and medical equipment separately.

The chief secretary shall also furnish a detailed report containing the names of successful bidders/ pharmaceutical companies and their owners with complete break-up, as well as the grievances of other contractors, if any, thereon, it said.

The bench fixed the matter for hearing on Nov 7 at 10 am. The officer(s) who were present in the Wednesday's hearing shall also remain present on the next date of hearing.

It forwarded a copy of this order to the Sindh chief secretary by fax and AAG for compliance. The DC Sukkur shall also be in attendance on the next date of hearing.

Present in the court were Health Secretary Rehan Iqbal Baloch, DEPD Secretary Tuaha Ahmed Farooqi, Amjad Siraj, Health Procurement Committee Chairman Prof Gulshan Memon, Health Procurement Committee Member Ibrahim Memon, additional secretary health and others were present.

DISTRICT & SESSIONS COURT LARKANA

No. / 9048 Dated: 04-11-2025

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited on standard bidding documents from the interested bidders registered with the relevant tax / regulatory authorities, through **Single Stage Two Envelop Method,** for the financial year **2025-2026,** for items as mentioned below:-

Purpose & Scope	Tender for Procurement of Hardware **(Two Computer Core-15, 13th Gen, One Printer Laserjet, 35ppm),** Router/Modem (Dual-band Wifi), Broadband Internet Hi-speed (1 Year Subscription), installation, Networking fixation etc, Furniture **(Two Computer Desks, Two Computer Chairs)** & LED (40" Smart 4K), for the Establishment of E-Library for District Bar Association, Larkana
Last Date & time of Submission of Bids	Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11.00 A.M.
Date & time of Opening of Bids	Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11.30 A.M.
Venue	Office of the 3rd Senior Civil Judge, Larkana

1. Tender documents which include full details, eligibility criteria, specifications, mechanism of submission of 2% bid security, Tender Fee of Rs: 1000/- (Non-refundable) and other terms & conditions, can be received from the office of Office-Superintendent of District & Sessions Court,. Larkana, and such bidding documents can also be obtained from online portal of SPPRA-EPADS.
2. For general information & queries contact Mr. Kareem Bakhsh Junejo, Office Superintendent, Phone No. 0345-3831072, Office No. 074-9410602, Fax No. 074-9410617.
3. The Chairman and Members Procurement Committee reserve the right to accept / reject any or all offers subject to rules.

(Senior Civil & Assistant Sessions Judge-III, Larkana)
CHAIRMAN, PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT & SESSIONS COURT LARKANA

No. / 9047 Dated: 04-11-2025

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited on standard bidding documents from the interested bidders registered with the relevant tax / regulatory authorities, through **Single Stage Two Envelop Method,** for the financial year 2025-2026, for items as mentioned below:-

Purpose & Scope	Tender for **"Solarization of Court Complexes and Bar Association at District Head Quarter, Larkana"**, which Includes the supply and installation of **TWO** (02) complete solar PV systems of 6KW, with Inverters, Panels, Lithium Batteries, Structures / frames, and safety components, etc. (01 - One 6KW System for District Head Quarter, Larkana) (01 - One 6KW System for Bar Association, Larkana) (Total 02)
Last Date & time of Submission of Bids	Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11.00 A.M.
Date & time of Opening of Bids	Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11.30 A.M.
Venue	Office of the 3rd Senior Civil Judge, Larkana

1. Bids Security / earnest money of 2% of Bid value for above mentioned project/work should be submitted in the shape of Pay Order / Demand Draft in favour of **"Access to Justice Development Fund for District & Sessions Judge, Larkana"** (IBAN: PK77NBPA0022004515159505), which shall be submitted to the undersigned, in original before the bid closing time. Copy of the pay order / demand draft shall be scanned and made part of proposal to be submitted electronically on EPADS.
2. Tender documents which include full details, eligibility criteria, specifications, mechanism of submission of bid security, Tender Fee of Rs: 1000/- (Non-refundable) should be submitted in the shape of Pay Order / Demand Draft. Other terms & conditions, can be received from the office of Office-Superintendent of District & Sessions Court, Larkana, and such bidding documents can also be obtained from online portal of SPPRA-EPADS. http://eprocure.gov.pk
3. For general information & queries contact Mr. Kareem Bakhsh Junejo, Office Superintendent, Phone No. 0345-3831072, Office No. 074-9410602, Fax No. 074-9410617.
4. The Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/proposals in accordance with SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended).

(Senior Civil & Assistant Sessions Judge-III, Larkana)
CHAIRMAN, PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

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INF-KRY: 3665/25

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE ANTI-TERRORISM SHIKARPUR

Special Case No: 05/2025
State/Versus Muhammad Sajjan & Others
Crime No. 146/2024
Police Station: Stuart Ganj
District: Shikarpur
U/Ss: 395, 201, 120-B, 34 PPC & 6/7 ATA.

Namely 1.Abubakar Idrees S/O Hafiz Muhammad Idrees B/C Ansari R/O Branch No T Street No 4 Raza Abad Muhallah Gujranwala, 2.Muneer Ahmed S/O Basheer Ahmed B/C Rajpoot R/O Jaleelpur District Narowal at Present near Goods road Gujranwala, 3.Abdul Rehman S/O Rambail Khan B/C Pathan R/O H/No 88 Street No 08 Sanam Chowk Bilal Town Islam Abad and 4.Ameer Ahmed S/O Yar Muhammad B/C Pathan R/O Block B H/No 516 Model Town Gujranwala and 5. Muhammad Saleem S/O Aziz Khan B/C Pathan R/O Khali Bypass Gujranwala are shown as absconders in the above cited case.

And whereas non-bail-able warrant has been issued by this Court for the arrest of above named accused, which returned un-executed with report of police that the accused have absconded and they are not traceable.

Now, therefore, proclamation u/s 87 Cr.P.C read with section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 is issued with direction to the above named accused persons to appear before this Court (Judicial Complex District & Sessions Court Shikarpur) within seven days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded in their absence.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court,
This the 29th day of October, 2025.

Special Judge,
Anti-Terrorism Court, Shikarpur.

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IN THE COURT OF ANTI-TERRORISM JUDGE, LARKANA.
(BEFORE ALTAF HUSSAIN DAYO)

Special Case No. 37 of 2025.
Re; State
V/S
BADARUDIN @ BADRO AND OTHERS.
Crime No. 148 of 2025.
Police station Ratodero.
U/Ss: 386, 506/2, 34, PPC, 6/7 ATA 1997.

Whereas the accused 1) Badarudin @ Badro S/o Jaro, 2) Parvez Ali s/o Arbab, 3) Yaseen s/o Manthar, and 4)Waqar s/o Muhram, all r/o Hassanpur Muhalla Ratodero, Taluka Ratodero, District Larkana, have shown as 'Absconders' in the Challan sheet submitted by the SHO/SIO P.S Ratodero, District Larkana, in the above said case.

Whereas non Bailable warrants of arrest has been issued by this Court for the arrest of above named accused, which has returned un-executed, with the report of police that accused have absconded or concealed them to avoid their arrest.

Now, therefore, proclamation U/S 87 Cr.P.C read with section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 is issued requiring the appearance of above named accused to appear before this Court (old Sessions Court Larkana) within 07 days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded against them in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, This 29th day of October, 2025.

Judge,
Anti-Terrorism Court, Larkana.

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ABDUL AZIZ ESSA

beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and brother in law, has passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on *5th November 2025.*

Please recite Surah Fateha for the departed soul.

Dua Today 6th November 2025

For Ladies - 3pm to 5pm at their home.
For Gents - between Maghrib and Isha at Memon Jamia Masjid (Pahari Wali)

Bereaved:

Jamila and Younis Dada
Zaitoon and Hamza Dada
Irfan and Shanila Essa
Shazina Jawed Essa
Zakaria Bilwani
Salim Bilwani
Grandchildren
and great grandchildren.

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CORRIGENDUM

Correction in the Role of Quantity Surveyor & Education Requirement of Contract Specialist

In continuation to this office advertisement published on 29th October 2025 regarding *Career Opportunities* in the newspapers **"Dawn", Kawish, "Daily Times" and Daily Jang "** TransKarachi hereby issues a correction in the **Role of Quantity Surveyor** and the **education requirement of Contract Specialist** as follows:

Role of Quantity Surveyor:

The Quantity Surveyor shall ensure that the Red Line BRT project is completed within its project budget and estimates through provision of technical support and quantity estimation & verification services. The Quantity Surveyor will prepare, review and verify quantity & cost estimates, payment certificates, planning & progress schedules and variations made.

Qualifications for Contract Specialist:

Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, Economics, Finance, Management, Law, Contracts, or related field. Master's Degree and Foreign qualifications are a plus.

If you fit the above criteria, please email us your resume's at hr@transkarachi.pk with the Job Title as the subject of the email.

All other terms and conditions mentioned in the original advertisement shall remain unchanged.

- Position is based in Karachi.
- Applications are required to reach TransKarachi via email within 10 days of the date of this advertisement.
- No TA/DA will be admissible for interview.

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.